

**To:** Mears, Mary[Mears.Mary@epa.gov]  
**From:** Enck, Judith  
**Sent:** Tue 4/7/2015 6:08:36 PM  
**Subject:** RE: phone message

Mary let's dig in to this more with john gorman

**From:** Mears, Mary  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 07, 2015 1:52 PM  
**To:** Enck, Judith; Rodriguez, Elias  
**Cc:** Allen, Laura; Purchia, Liz  
**Subject:** FW: phone message

Hi Judith and Elias,

I got a question from some freelancers, as you can see below, and I reached out to our person here in Region 2. His note is below.

**Meth-O-Gas Q**, which is the product in question in this incident, was banned for **indoor residential** use in 1984.

I believe we have been saying the methyl bromide was banned. I think we need to be careful to make the distinction between Meth-O-Gas and methyl bromide. I corrected our statement.

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**From:** Gorman, John  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 07, 2015 1:40 PM  
**To:** Mears, Mary  
**Subject:** RE: phone message

There are many MB products registered as a pesticide, each with its own label and restrictions. Most MB products were banned for indoor residential use in the 1980s, but at least one was still registered up until March 2009. The particular product used at the Sirenusa Condo (Meth-O-Gas Q) was banned from indoor residential use in 1984.

**From:** Mears, Mary  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 07, 2015 1:32 PM  
**To:** Gorman, John  
**Cc:** Enck, Judith  
**Subject:** FW: phone message

Hi John,

Just to double check, MB was banned for use in residential indoor settings, correct?

Judith has been saying that the pesticide was banned in 1984 for indoor **RESIDENTIAL** use.

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**From:** Soltani, Beth  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 07, 2015 1:23 PM  
**To:** Mears, Mary  
**Subject:** phone message

Bill Bonvie and Linda Bonvie, Freelance Writers, 609-296-0639 – they have a lot of articles that were written in the early 90s on methyl bromide

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Writers who have written on Methyl Bromide back in the 90s. They know of no ban that was instituted on the indoor use of Methyl Bromide. There were various instances, which they documented, tent fumigations and the like, well after 1984. They have never heard of a ban in 1984 or after; they know about the proposed phase out because it was ozone depleter but that has never been fully implemented. He is trying to find out whether any such ban ever existed.